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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION AND RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT

Attention: Box Missing Parts Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the attached U.S. Patent and Trademark Office "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed September 25, 2001, Applicant submits herewith an executed Declaration for filing in the cited patent application, along with the required fee of \$130.00 for late filing of the Declaration. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of August 16, 2001 be granted to this application.

Also enclosed is an executed Assignment document, Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet and Petition for Extension of Time. The Assignment Recordation fee of \$40.00 and Extension of Time fee of \$400.00 are also included.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$570.00 for filing the Late Declaration, Assignment Recordation, and Petition for Extension of Time.

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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